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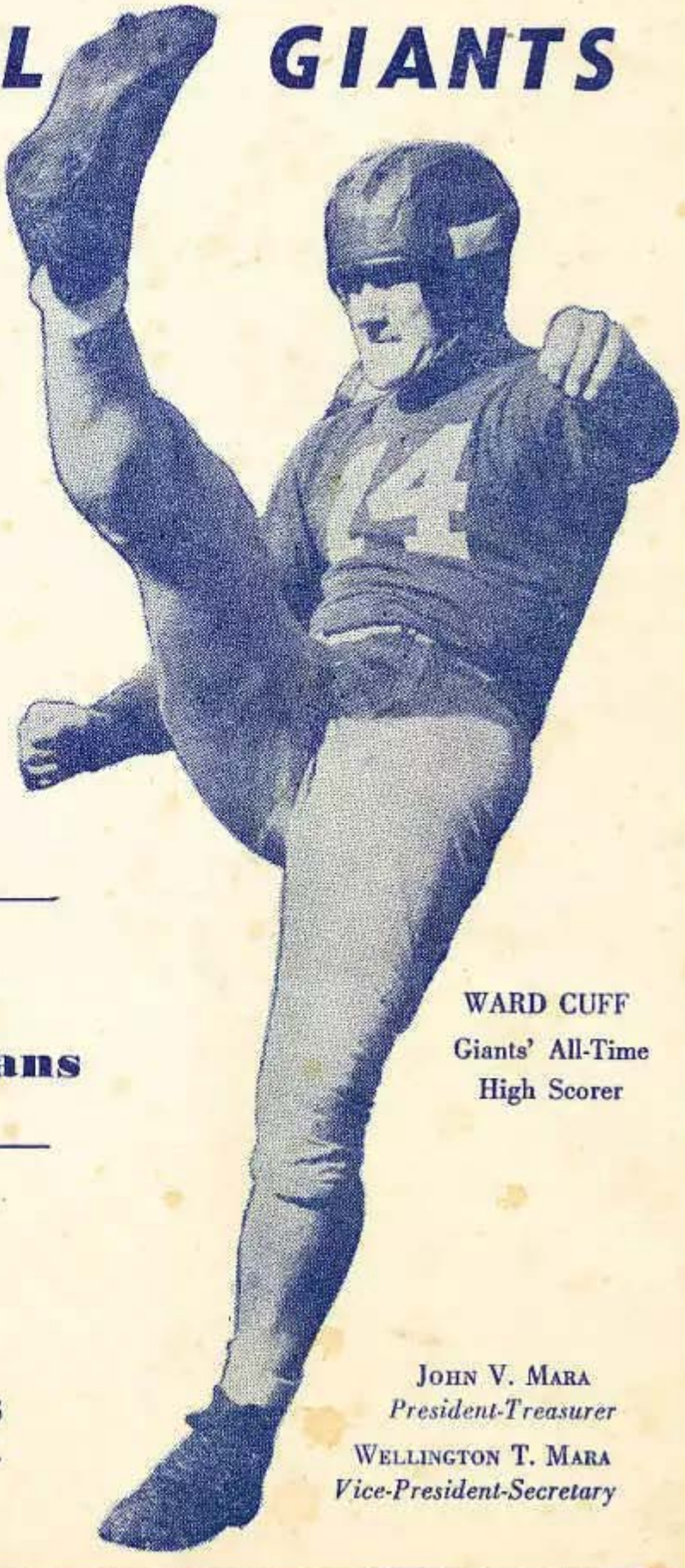

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Adams, O'Neale	E	Army	1944
†*Avedisian, Chas.	G	Marines	1942
†Barrett, Emmett	C	Army	1942
**Blozis, Al	T	Army	1944
*Brown, Dave	HB	Navy	1943
*Buffington, Harry	QB	A.A.C.	1942
Cantor, Leo	HB	A.A.C.	1942
Chickerneo, John	QB	A.A.C.	1942
*Cole, Pete	T	Army	1940
†Cuff, Ward	HB	A.A.C.	1943
Damiani, Frank	T	Army	1944
*Danowski, Ed	QB	Navy	1941
*DeFilippo, Louis	C	Navy	1941
*Dennery, Vincent	E	Navy	1941
aEakin, Kay	HB	Army	1941
*Eshmont, Len	HB	Navy	1941
*Falaschi, Nello	QB	N.A.C.	1941
*Franck, George	HB	N.A.C.	1941
b*Gelatka, Chas.	E	A.A.C.	1940
*Gladchuck, Chet	T	Navy	1941
Hapes, Merle	HB	A.A.C.	1942
*Hiemstra, Edward	G	Army	1942
*Horne, Richard	E	A.A.C.	1941
*Howell, Jim Lee	E	Marines	1942
*Keahey, Eulis	T	Marines	1942
c*Kline, Harry	E	Navy	1942
*Lansdell, Granville	HB	A.A.C.	1940
Lascari, John	E	Army	1942
*Lechner, Edgar	G	Navy	1942
†Liebel, Frank	E	Army	1942
*Lieberum, Don	HB	Navy	1942
*Lunday, Ken	C	A.A.C.	1941
*McClain, Clint	FB	Navy	1941
**Lummus, Jack	E	Marines	1941
Marefos, Andy	FB	Army	1942
Mellus, John	T	Army	1941
*Miller, Eddie	QB	Army	1940
*Neilsen, Walter	FB	Army	1940
*Oldershaw, Doug	G	A.A.C.	1941
*Owen, Al	HB	Navy	1942
ePaschal, Wm.	FB	Army	1944
*Pedersen, Win	T	Army	1941
Petrilas, Wm.	HB	Navy	1944
*Poole, Jim	E	Navy	1941
Principe, Dom	FB	Navy	1942
f*Pugh, Marion	HB	Army	1941
*Reagan, Frank	HB	Marines	1941
Seick, Earl	G	Navy	1943
Soar, Hank	HB	Army	1942
g*Sohn, Ben	G	Marines	1941
Stenn, Paul	T	Army	1942
†Trocolor, Robert	HB	Marines	1943
*Vosberg, Don	E	Navy	1941
h*Yeager, Howard	HB	A.A.C.	1941
Younce, Len	G	Army	1944
*Mara, Wellington	Co-owner	Navy	1941
*Palm, Mike	Ass't Coach	N.A.C.	1941

*—Commissioned officer.
†—Medical discharge.
a—Awarded Bronze Sar (Normandy).
b—Awarded Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and two Presidential citations (Darwin and Papoon areas).
c—Awarded Purple Heart and honorable discharge.
d—Awarded Bronze Star (Normandy).
e—Medical discharge from Army Air Corps. Drafted into Army out of Maritime Service.
f—Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster (ETO).
g—Purple Heart (South Pacific).
h—Awarded Soldier's Medal for Heroism.
*—Killed in France on January 31, 1945.
**—Killed on Iwo Jima.

New York's First Football Team – The Giants

THIS is the New York Giants' twenty-first year in the National Football League, the nation's only major gridiron circuit. The impressive rise of the Giants' club furnishes one of the sport world's most intriguing success stories. For nearly ten years the Polo Grounds pro gridders have been New York's No. 1 eleven. They provided the best grade of football. Over seventy-three thousand thrilled fans watched the Giants oppose Red Grange and the Chicago Bears in 1925. That turnout set an all-time football attendance record for the Polo Grounds.

Through the years, the Giants, Eastern Champions, have built up a huge following. It has been correctly called "sidewalk alumni." It ranges from thousands of young fans to many representatives of all walks of life who gather Sunday afternoons every autumn to cheer their favorite football team.

It all started back in the spring of 1925 when Tim Mara, a total stranger to the gridiron, founded the Giants chiefly because intimate friends warned him the idea of pro football was doomed against the great college opposition of that period. Mr. Mara had unusual perseverance and insistence for the best type of football and sportsmanship at all times. It proved a winning policy beyond the fondest hopes of the pioneer of professional league football in this city.

Emerging from three years of wartime restrictions and uncertainty, the Giants are improved in morale and personnel for the 1945 campaign. Their roster contains the names of famed veterans. Mel Hein, peer of centers, is back for his fifteenth season. Ward Cuff, one of the great all-time backfield stars, is another returned regular. Also Arnie Herber, who pitched to Don Hutson for many passing records at Green Bay, is back to strengthen the club's aerial arm. Frank Cope and Vic Carroll, outstanding tackles, will be in their positions again. So will about fourteen other veterans, including Ken Strong of New York University fame.

The newcomers are headed by Steve Filipowicz. He was Fordham's outstanding backfield ace and hero from 1940 to 1942. Flip's long-range passing, punting and ball toting will be a big asset for the Giants. Other promising freshmen backs are Joe Romo, hometown lad who made good in Texas; Elmer Barbour, Wake Forest, Ed Shedlosky, Tulsa, and Mike Klotovich, St. Mary's, Calif. The line also has promising recruits, especially Tom Kearns, 240-pound 6:3 tackle from the University of Miami.

The Giants had fifty-five former players in war service. It was more than any other National League club. The club's 1945 pennant chances will depend considerably on the return of their former players.

Over fifteen discharged servicemen, all newcomers, joined the team at its Bear Mountain training camp.

One major reason for the Eastern Champions' success is Steve Owens, 275-pound head coach now in his twentieth season with the organization. Steve joined the Giants in 1926 as star tackle. He held that position until 1931 when he took over the coaching reins. His teams have won two world championships, seven Eastern titles. This year Owen has an augmented coaching staff, his younger brother, Richard (Red) Smith and Mike Palm.

Giants' 1945 Home Games

October 21 . . . . . Pittsburgh Steelers	November 18 . . . . . Detroit Lions
October 28 . . . . Washington Redskins	November 25 . . . . Green Bay Packers
November 4 . . . . . Cleveland Rams	December 2 . . . . . Philadelphia Eagles

Owen Reveals Attack

By STEVE OWEN

Coach, New York Football Giants

I have been asked to say something about the in-and-out workings of the A-Formation, the Giants' basic attack. The A-Formation is original with the Giants just as the T-Formation is with the Chicago Bears or the Double-Wing back was with the teams coached by Pop Warner.

Most shifts or deployment of men in any formation are started by some player in practice doing his assignment different from that first outlined by the coach. When this maneuver is carried out wrong the coach may immediately see the value of a split in the line or a back in motion and thus a new formation or set of plays originates.

The idea of the A-Formation really started with me when playing tackle for the Giants against Link Lyman, a great tackle for the Bears. Lyman on the offensive used to line up in his tackle position at times with a yard split between himself and the guard. I found this put a great deal of pressure on the defensive tackle as to his position and direction of the charge.

However, this started the thought it could be worked into a formation to great advantage and I began to experiment with it. I plagued every coach who would listen for ideas on a backfield alignment that could function with it. We experimented two years in practice, but something was always wrong.

On a scouting trip to Oklahoma, I showed the formation to one of my former teammates. He suggested we lineup with our backs one way and our line unbalanced or strong the opposite. This seemed to be the solution so we worked on it for another season before it really took form. He adopted it in 1937 for an early season surprise attack against the Washington Redskins. This was that lineup: Left end one yard from tackle. Tackle same distance from center. Left guard shifted to right of center and alongside right guard. Right guard one yard from tackle, who was one yard from the end.

Good running back took position behind the left end. Blocking back behind left tackle and center. Further back the other two backs behind center and right guard. The idea was to spiral and set up good angles for all blocks. The gaps in the front wall meant about the spacing of a nine-man line. That set-up, with a man in motion and with the quick handling of the ball, gave us deception as well as a balanced attack. It also was a good passing formation.

The A-Formation was successful from the start. The boys rolled up 365 yards with it in our first game. They were crazy about it and that was a big help making it go. It embodies most of the features of the T. and has given backs like Paschal and Cuff great ground gaining records. It has wonderful possibilities. We try to improve it every season.

The A-Formation, then, can be attributed to an opposing tackle out of position, but who did a good job while shifted from his guard and also gave me some of my worst days on the gridiron.

Stout Steve Owen, shown above, invented the A-information, which has been successfully employed as the New York Giants' base offense. To confuse the Eastern Champions' enemies more the veteran head coach this season installed a neat portion of the "T," made famous by the Chicago Bears.

The Amazing Growth of Pro-Football

Professional football has grown amazingly in the manner that giant oaks start from tiny acorns. Pro football is chiefly the National League. The ten-club National League expects to perform before approximately two million fans this season.

Pro football was born August, 1895, in Latrobe, a little mining town in Western Pennsylvania. The game was played on Saturday, unlike the current pro Sunday custom. The reason was the Latrobe team was managed and sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association.

College boys from adjacent Pennsylvania schools, returning home, conceived the idea of organizing the Latrobe team in the little Y. M. C. A. gym. The Latrobe team was a nondescript affair. Instead of helmets hair was worn long, which frequently was tackled by opponents. The pigskin warrior in that early period was vastly different in appearance from the present-day streamlined player.

Those were the days of the "flying wedge," the tackle and guards' back, five yards to go in three plays and no rules to protect kickers or the receivers of kicks. No forward passing was permitted. It was deemed too dangerous.

The first game played at Latrobe was against a team from Jeanette, an even smaller town about ten miles distant. That first pro contest was arranged especially to settle the seething rivalry between those two little Pennsylvania mining towns. Opposing contestants were mostly college players, who considered the fray a worthwhile adventure. John Brallier was the big star and highest paid member of the Latrobe team in that now historic game—$10 and cakes. Latrobe won and thereby began a notable record of ten years with few defeats.

Gossip about the Latrobe-Jeanette football series soon seeped into Ohio. Canton was one of the first to field a club. So many other teams made their appearance that Ohio was erroneously called the "cradle" of pro football. The new sport had many tribulations, but continued to spread. Northern New York State was represented with teams around Syracuse.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh was the hub of renewed activity for college players anxious to participate for thrills and few dollars. In the transitional period it was often difficult to distinguish between professionals and amateurs. Around 1900 there were a number of athletic clubs in and near New York, composed of well-known college men who played on club teams. These teams included the Manhattan Athletic Club, Orange Field Club in Jersey, Crescent Club in Brooklyn and the Staten Island Athletic Club.

Pittsburgh, the first big city to embrace pro football, shortly claimed the Pennsylvania State championship. That so riled Connie Mack, of baseball fame, that he promptly organized his Philadelphia Athletics. He challenged the high-riding Pitt team. Their first clash resulted in a scoreless deadlock.

In the early nineties pro elevens mushroomed throughout the Middle West. Many had short careers, but new ones bravely took the gamble. And so it went until 1921 when the late Joe Carr, striving to bring order out of chaos, organized the National League.

The National League turned the corner in 1925 when the New York Giants purchased a franchise and "Red" Grange, at the conclusion of his spectacular Illinois career, joined the Chicago Bears. The Grange game with the Giants in December of that year drew 73,000 to the Polo Grounds, which still stands as the all-time football attendance record for that stadium.

GIANTS HONOR LT. AL BLOZIS

Jersey No. 32 has been retired permanently by the New York Giants in memory of Lt. Al Blozis. World champion shot putter and star tackle at Georgetown, Blozis became all-league tackle in 1943, his second year with the Giants. Then the huge Jersey City youth joined the army.

On Jan. 31 this year, six weeks after he participated in the play-off game against the Packers at the Polo Grounds, Blozis sent out a detail of nine men in the deep snows of the Vozges Mountains sector of France.

Seven returned shortly. When the other two had not reported in several hours Blozis set out to look for them. His men saw him fade into the snow storm. Then there was one short blast of German machine-gun fire. Big Al never came back.

New York Football Giants' Owners

The New York Football Giants have been consistent championship contenders since the club was formed twenty-one years ago. The blue-and-red Polo Grounders have won three world's pro football championships. Current Eastern title-holders, the Giants also captured the crown on six other occasions since the National League inaugurated the sectional play-offs in 1933.

It was the guiding hand of Tim Mara, the founder, who steered the Giants' destiny through the National League's early struggling years.

As the town's sport fans steadily rallied to the Giants' support Mr. Mara felt so secure in the durability of his gridiron project that years ago he turned the ownership and management of the club over to his two sons, John V. and Wellington T.

Jack, the elder, functions as president and treasurer. He is the top front office man who keeps the machinery running smoothly. Wellington, almost ten years younger, holds the offices of vice-president and secretary. Wellington, or the "Duke" as he's called by most of the Giants, has an old football head on young shoulders.

Football is more of a hobby than business with the smiling Duke. In pre-war years Wellington played a vital part in the round-up of playing talent. Every year he had an extensive knowledge of senior college gridmen. They were the ones eligible to perform in the pro circuit. And the youthful Mara had a surprisingly good line on the more promising football seniors.

It was commonplace for the enterprising club secretary to embark on talent hunts on his own. Well was only eighteen when he negotiated his most successful player contract. It was with the then unheralded Tuffy Leemans of little George Washington University. Subsequently, Leemans jokingly said he was almost ashamed to do business with the boyish visitor from New York, but soon discovered he was dealing with a very astute business man. Wellington signed his quarry. And Tuffy became one of the Giants' greatest all-time backfield aces.

John V. Mara

Wellington T. Mara

THESE GIANTS WON THE EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Bottom row, left to right—Charley Avedisian, guard; Ward Cuff, back; O'Neale Adams, end; Bill Petrilas, back; Arnie Herber, back; Frank Cope, tackle; Steve Owen, coach; Al Blozis, tackle; Hubeth Barker, back; Bill Paschal, back; John Weiss, end; Mel Hein, center.

Second row, left to right—Gus Mauch, trainer; Richard (Red) Smith, assistant coach; Ken Strong, back; Howard Livingston, back; Herbert Kane, tackle; Bill Piccolo, center; Roland Caranci, tackle; Emmett Barrett, center; Carl Kinscherf, back; Keith Beebe, back; Roy Clay, back; Tuffy Leemans, assistant coach; Charley Porter, trainer; Joe Carroll, equipment manager.

Third row, left to right—Leland Shaffer, assistant coach; Vic Carroll, tackle; Frank Liebel, end; Joe Sulaitis, back; Verlin Adams, end; Len Younce, guard; Len Calligaro, back; Larry Visnic, guard; Frank Umont, guard; James (Hap) Sivell, guard.

Sketches of the Giant Players

ADAMS, Verlin (Sparky)—End

Morris-Harvey College. Third season with Giants. Twenty-seven, six feet one inch. Weight 205. Fine all-round wingman, especially a smashing defender on defense. Football, baseball, basketball in college. Married.

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BARBOUR, Elmer—Back

Wake Forest, 1942-44. First season with Giants. Twenty-one, six feet one inch. Weight 200. Blocking back of Wake Forest formidable 1944 eleven. Number one selection on Giants' 1945 player draft. Home—Washington, D. C.

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BENCHWICK, Steve—Tackle

Alabama University, 1944. First season with Giants. Twenty-one, five feet eleven inches. Weight 215. Nicknamed Biff for aggressive playing. Home—Campbell, Ohio.

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BARKER, Hubeth (Deadeye)—Back

Arkansas U., 1940-42. Fourth season with Giants. Twenty-six, five feet eleven inches. Weight 200. Effective line cracker. Strong blocker and line backer-up. Birthplace and home—Welch, Ark.

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CARROLL, Victor—Tackle

Nevada U., 1934-36. Third season with Giants. Thirty-one, six feet three inches. Weight 230. Joined club in 1943, coming from the Washington Redskins with whom he played every line position for seven years. Football, basketball, boxing, swimming in college. Married. Two children. Home—Bellflower, Calif.

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COPE, Frank—Tackle

Santa Clara, 1935-38. Eighth season with Giants. Twenty-nine, six feet three inches. Weight 234. Giant regular in 1939, ever since one of the pro circuit's leading tackles. Football captain in college. Birthplace and home—Hayward, Calif.

CUFF, Ward—Back

Marquette, 1935-37. Ninth season with Giants. Thirty-one, six feet one inch. Weight 196. One of the National League's greatest all-time backs. Giants' all-time high scorer with 319 points representing 20 touchdowns, 100 extra points, 33 field goals. Two years won the league's field-goal kicking championship, although he never kicked in college. Cuff is the best all-round athlete on the New York squad. His accomplishments range from ping-pong to fishing. Married. Two children. Home—Milwaukee. Plans to make physical education and coaching his life's work.

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DE FILIPPO, Lou—Center

Fordham, 1938-40. Second season with Giants. Twenty-eight, six feet two inches. Weight 230. Won All-American center mention at Fordham. Rated by many experts the greatest pivot in Ram history. Quickly made the Giants' varsity in 1941. Shortly after the '41 season Big Lou joined the Navy. Engaged in long combat service in the Pacific. On Aug. 22 at Manila, De Filippo wrote the Giant office he hoped soon to be discharged and would rejoin the club in about one month. He was three days late. But Lou got a warm welcome from his old teammates. Home—New Haven.

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FILIPOWICZ, Steve (Flip)—Back

Fordham, 1940-42. First season with Giants. Twenty-five, five feet eight inches. Weight 195. Triple-threat backfield ace at Fordham. Unusually long, accurate passer. Powerful ball carrier, strong backer-up. Participated in 1941 Cotton Bowl game against Texas A. & M., '42 Sugar Bowl game against Missouri and '43 East-West shrine game at San Francisco. Joined Marines in '43. After medical discharge played baseball with Jersey City Little Giants and New York Giants. Birthplace—Kultmont, Pa.

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GALLOVICH, Tony—Back

Wake Forest, 1940-42. First season with Giants. Twenty-seven, five feet nine inches. Weight 170. Played one year with Cleveland Rams in the National League. Recently discharged from the Navy. Home—Vandergrift, Pa.

Sketches of the Giant Players

GARNER, Robert—Guard

Played only service football. First season with Giants. Twenty-three, six feet. Weight 238. Off-season occupation—draftsman. Home—North Adams, Mass.

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HEIN, Melvin J. (Mel)—Center

Washington State, 1929-31. Fifteenth season with Giants. Thirty-six, six feet four inches. Weight 234. Joined Giants in 1931. Starting in 1932 named National League No. 1 center eight consecutive years. Played in 156 championship league games, plus numerous all-star and exhibition contests. Never missed a game in the National League or four years each in college and high school. Took time out only in two games. Never made a poor pass from his position. Football's greatest center, one of the sport world's most illustrious iron men. Married, has two children. Now attached to the faculty of Union College, also football coach. Birthplace—Redding, Calif.

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HERBER, Arnold (Arnie)—Back

Regis, 1930. Second season with Giants. Thirty-four, six feet. Weight 205. Played 11 years with Green Bay Packers, stopping in 1941 to devote full time to his soft-drink business in that Wisconsin town. Herber broke numerous passing records and with the incomparable Don Hutson formed the gridiron's foremost passing battery. The veteran also called signals for the Giants. Married. One child. Home—Green Bay.

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KLOTOVICH, Michael Joseph (Mike)—Back

St. Mary's, Calif., 1941-43. First season with Giants. Twenty-eight, five feet ten inches. Weight 186. First-rate ball carrier, passer and kicker. Very fast and shifty in open field. One of the Giants' best freshmen. Birthplace—San Francisco.

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KEARNS, Tom—Tackle

University of Miami, 1939-41. First season with Giants. Twenty-six, six feet four inches. Weight 240. Powerful tackle, especially on defense. One of the best of the freshmen linemen. In college played football and boxed each three years. Basketball too. Honorably discharged by Navy and immediately joined Giants' training camp at Bear Mountain. Home—Hollywood, Fla.

LIEBEL, Frank—End

Norwich U., 1940-42. Fourth season with Giants. Twenty-six, six feet one inch. Weight 205. First-string wingman. Excellent pass receiver. Football and basketball in college. Home—Erie, Pa.

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LINDAHL, Virgil (Joe)—End

Nebraska State Teachers, 1939-41. First season with Giants. Twenty-six, six feet one inch. Weight 204. Smashing type of wingman. Star in college. Birthplace—Tilden, Neb.

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LIVINGSTON, Howard (Howie)—Back

Fullerton Junior College, 1942. Second season with Giants. Twenty-three, six feet one inch. Weight 190. Played one season with Hollywood Pro Bears before joining New York club last year. Starting late last year made brilliant progress, especially when he outplayed the great Don Hutson. The young California rookie intercepted a pass from Hutson's hands and raced 36 yards to a touchdown. Another interception resulted in another T. D., which helped the Giants to beat the favored Packers by a record 24-0 score. Livingston is a very promising triple-threat. Home—Los Angeles, Calif.

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PICCOLO, William (Bill)—Center

Canisius, 1941-43. Third season with Giants. Twenty-four, five feet ten inches. Weight 184. Picked on Giants' draft because of outstanding college showing. Able player in a league of huge centers. Home—Buffalo.

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PUGH, Marion C.—Back

Texas A. & M., 1939-41. Second season with Giants. Twenty-six, six feet one inch. Member 1941 Giant squad. Entered the Army that year. Recent discharge. One of the nation's foremost passers in college. Big factor in team's post-season victory over Fordham. Birthplace—Fort Worth, Tex.

Sketches of the Giant Players

KANE, Herbert—Tackle

East Central Teachers, Okla., 1940-42. Second season with Giants. Twenty-four, six feet. Weight 220. All-round athlete in college. Home—Grand Prairie, Texas.

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RAYE, Francis—Guard

Columbia, 1938-40. First season with Giants. Twenty-seven, five feet eight inches. Weight 200. Soon after joining the Giants was transferred from backfield to guard. Quickly liked new assignment. Born in Syracuse. Now living in the Bronx.

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SHAFFER, Leland—Back

Kansas State, 1931-32-34. Tenth season with Giants. Thirty-five, six feet two inches. Weight 205. Returned to club this season as blocking back after one year's absence. Farmer in off-season. Birthplace—Minneola, Kan.

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SIVELL, James (Happy)—Guard

Auburn, 1938-40. Second season with Giants. Twenty-seven, five feet eight inches. Weight 215. Secured from the Brooklyn Tigers in 1944. A relentless contestant, but seldom loses his jovial disposition. Star college athlete, especially on the gridiron. Home in Alabama.

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STRONG, Ken—Back

New York University, 1926-28. Sixth season with Giants. Thirty-seven, six feet one inch. Weight 212. In the class with Thorpe, Nevers, Gipp, Grange as all-time backfield leader. After graduating played pro ball with Stapleton, New York Giants, American League, Giants again in 1939 and Jersey City Giants 1940. This is the second season the former Violet returned to the Giants as kicking specialist. Ranks second as Giants' all-time high scorers, 236 points, 66 extra points, 24 field goals, 16 touchdowns. Birthplace—West Haven, Conn.

SPRINGER, Harold—End

Central College, 1940-42. First season with Giants. Twenty-three, six feet three inches. Weight 215. Smashing type of wingman. Three years of football, baseball, wrestling and track in college. Marine lieutenant with outstanding service in the Pacific. Draftsman in off-season. Birthplace—Albuquerque, N. M.

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SULAITIS, Joe—Back

Never attended college. Graduate of Dickerson High School, Jersey City. Third season with Giants. Twenty-four, six feet two inches. Weight 215. Last season shifted from end to the backfield. Coach Steve Owen counts on this stalwart sandlotter this season for heavy-duty ball carrying, also to furnish an aerial arm to the attack. Home—Jersey City.

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TOMAINI, Army—Tackle

Catawaba, 1941-43. First season with Giants. Twenty-five, five feet eleven inches. Weight 245. Starred in football and on the track in college. Home—Long Branch, N. J.

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UMONT, Frank—Tackle

Never went to college. Third season with Giants. Twenty-seven, five feet eleven inches. Weight 220. Consistently effective in 1944. Married. Home—Plainfield, N. J.

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VISNIC, Larry—Guard

St. Benedict's (Kansas), 1941-43. Third season with Giants. Twenty-five, five feet ten inches. Weight 195. Picked on the Giants' 1942 draft list. Did well as Giant freshman. Last season was transferred to the blocking spot in the backfield. Home—Jacobsburg, Kan.

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WEISS, John—End

Never went to college. Second season with Giants. Twenty-three, six feet three inches. Weight 195. Excellent wingman, clever pass receiver. Home—Jersey City, N. J.

New York Football Giants Player Roster–1945

No.	Player	Pos.	Age	Wt.	Ht.	College	Home	Yrs. Giant	Yrs. Pro
2	Pugh, Marion	B	26	185	6:01	Texas A. & M.	Ft. Worth	2nd	2
4	Shaffer, Leland	B	31	205	6:01	Kansas State	Pearl River, N. Y.	10th	10
5	Shedlosky, Ed	B	25	190	5:11	Tulsa	Naticoke, Pa.	1st	1
6	Barbour, Elmer	B	22	202	6:01	Wake Forest	Washington, D. C.	1st	1
7	Hein, Mel	C	36	232	6:04	Washington St.	Schenectady, N. Y.	15th	15
8	Filipowicz, Steve	B	25	200	5:08	Fordham	Kulpmont, Pa.	1st	1
9	Garner, Robert	T	21	225	6:01	Drury H. S.	North Adams	1st	1
10	De Filippo, Lou	C	28	230	6:02	Fordham	New Haven	2nd	2
11	Weiss, John	E	23	195	6:03		Jersey City	2nd	2
12	Gallovich, Tony	B	27	170	5:09	Wake Forest	Vandegrift, Pa.	1st	2
14	Cuff, Ward	B	31	196	6:03	Marquette	Milwaukee	9th	9
16	Little, James	T	24	200	6:01	Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	1st	1
17	Bilda, Richard	B	25	210	6:00	Marquette	Milwaukee	1st	1
19	McClintock, Colin	C	25	210	6:01	Stanford	San Francisco	1st	1
20	Herber, Arnie	B	34	210	6:00	Regis	Green Bay	2nd	11
22	Liebel, Frank	E	26	215	6:02	Norwich	Erie, Pa.	4th	4
24	Livingston, Howard	B	23	190	6:01	Fullerton	Los Angeles	2nd	3
25	Jungmichel, Harold	G	23	210	6:00	U. of Texas	Galveston, Tex.	1st	1
26	Carroll, Victor	T	31	230	6:04	Nevada	Bellflower, Calif.	3rd	10
27	Springer, Harold	E	23	212	6:04	Central St., Okla.	Albuquerque	1st	1

28	Adams, Verlin	E	27	205	6:01	Morris-Harvey	Williamson	3rd	3
29	Piccolo, William	C	24	188	5:11	Canisius	Buffalo	3rd	3
31	Visnic, Larry	G	25	195	5:11	St. Benedict's	Jacobsburg	3rd	3
33	Sivell, James (Happy)	G	27	215	5:08	Auburn	Chipley, Ga.	2nd	5
34	Lindahl, Virgil	E	26	204	6:00	Neb. St. Tech.	Tilden, Neb.	1st	1
35	Ponsalle, Thomas	G	26	215	5:10	Georgetown	Bridgeport	1st	1
36	Cope, Frank	T	29	232	6:03	Santa Clara	Hayward	8th	8
37	Sulaitis, Joe	B	24	215	6:02		Jersey City	3rd	3
38	Klotovich, Mike	B	28	183	5:09	St. Mary's Calif.	San Francisco	1st	1
39	Kane, Herbert	T	23	220	6:00	E. C. Teachers	Grand Prairie	2nd	2
40	Raye, Francis	B	27	200	5:08	Columbia	Syracuse	1st	1
41	McNamara, Edmund	T	25	225	6:00	Holy Cross	Clinton, Mass.	1st	1
42	Barker, Hubeth	B	25	190	5:11	Arkansas	Welch, Ark.	4th	4
44	Benchwick, Steve	T	21	230	5:11	Mem. H. S., Ohio	Campbell, Ohio	1st	1
50	Strong, Ken	B	38	210	6:01	N. Y. U.	New York City	6th	12
55	Tomaini, A.	T	25	245	5:11	Catawaba	Long Branch, N. J.	1st	1
60	Kearns, Tom	T	26	240	6:03	U. of Miami	Hollywood, Fla.	1st	1
69	Umont, Frank	G	27	220	5:11		Plainfield, N. J.	3rd	3
70	Eaton, Lou	T	30	225	6:02	U. of Calif.	Burlingame, Calif.	1st	1

Head Coach ..... Steve Owen, Phillips U.
Assistant Coach .. Richard (Red) Smith, Notre Dame
Line Coach ..... Bill Owen, Phillips U.

Backfield Coach ..... Mike Palm, Penn State
Trainers ..... Gus Mauch, Charley Porter
Physician ..... Francis J. Sweeney, M.D.

Football's Greatest Center and Ironman

It makes no difference to Mel Hein, above, whether he uses one or two hands. The former Washington State All-American never made one poor pass from center during fourteen years with the New York Giants. Mel's equally famous as an ironman. Twenty-two years on the gridiron, high school, college and the pros, and the durable veteran never missed one game.

Mel Hein deserves to be ranked as football's all-time No. 1 superman. The New York Giants' famed pivot is that good. Mel's record is unmatched in the game's long history. Outstanding in high school, All-American at Washington State, ten years selected the top center in the National League, Hein long ago set the model for playing his position.

The New York center never made a poor pass. Intuitively, Mel was at the right place at the right time. Especially on the defense where his deployment was simply uncanny. A natural leader, the Pacific Coast giant always furnished inspirational strength to his teammates.

Hein's ironman achievements are even more phenomenal than his playing record. Now thirty-six, the big blond fellow has performed the amazing total of twenty-two seasons on the gridiron, fourteen in the National League, four each in college and high school. He never missed a game. Durable Mel had time out only twice in his career. The first time was 1938 when a head injury forced him out in the first half, but the grizzled veteran came back to help stem a late Green Bay challenge for victory. Mel's ironman feats are particularly impressive because football is the most rugged of contact contests.

Six feet, four inches, Hein always weighed about 232 pounds with the Giants. He was tremendously strong, even for his great size. Mel needed only to stick out his powerful right arm to stop many enemy ball carriers dead in their tracks. A tireless practice worker, Mel never refused the many who sought his advice.

The veteran's biggest thrill came on Dec. 1, 1940, when over 50,000 admiring fans attended Mel Hein Day at the Polo Grounds. His biggest accomplishment was being named the National League's leading center eight consecutive years, 1932-'39.

Of the thousands of plays in which he was a participant Hein describes this one as the most unusual: It was the 1933 Giants-Bears game in Chicago. Mel passed the ball to Ken Strong, who started an end run. Seeing he was going to be tackled, Strong lateralled to Harry Newman. Newman faded back and forward passed to Strong, who had kept on going down the field. Strong carried over for a touchdown.

Hein was born in Redding, Calif. He married a classmate at Washington State. They honeymooned across the continent in a small car purchased from money advanced by the Giants to enable Mel to report for his first pro practice. The famous star says his greatest enjoyment is association with his wife and two kiddies.

CURB ON FLYING ELBOWS

This year the National Football League outlawed the swinging elbow block. In the case of the elbow block, the penalty will be 15 yards if an opponent is struck below the shoulder and 15 yards and disqualification if he is struck above the shoulder.

Other important pro league changes this year were moving the inbounds spot in 20 yards instead of 15, and permitting substitutions when time is in and the ball is dead, provided the withdrawn player has cleared the field before the ball is put into play.

FOOTBALL BROADCASTING IS A TRICKY BUSINESS

Because it's one of the toughest, most exciting and noisiest games in the world, it takes a keen mind and a real love of the sport to give a colorful and vivid word picture of gridiron action. And what's more important to air audiences is the accuracy in statistics and good judgment of distances. That's what makes football sportscasting such a tricky business, explains Red Barber, ace sportscaster, who handles the microphone assignment for the WHN (1050 KC) exclusive Sunday afternoon broadcasts of the New York Giants Pro Football games.

Barber, and Connie Desmond who collaborates on the broadcasts of the games, have notched more than 10,000 sportscasting hours in their 30 cumulative years in the business. Red started his career while matriculating at Florida University. He was studying for a teacher's degree, working his way through the University, when the college radio station sent him an emergency call to read a professor's lecture on "Certain Aspects of Bovine Obstetrics." When he finished, the program director asked young Barber how much he'd want to apply all his talents to announcing. Red asked $50 a month for a part-time job and was accepted. On vacations from his job, Barber toured the country auditioning at larger stations, and was finally called by Powell Crosley, baseball and radio magnate, to describe the Cincinnati Reds' games. He stayed for five years, then left to come to Dodger-land, even though it meant a decrease in salary. The rest is broadcasting history.

While Barber is known as America's No. 1 baseball broadcaster, he doesn't have to take a back-seat to anyone when it comes to football. He's been touring the nation's gridirons for more than a decade, broadcasting the best college games of the week, and was hired four years ago for the more difficult pro football assignments as the voice of the New York Football Giants.

Sportscaster Connie Desmond can claim 14 years behind the microphone. The trade mark "Red Barber and Connie Desmond" is a brand name which in its four years of operations has become recognized as insurance of top notch sportscasting down kilocycle lane. And it is no wonder the duo can count 30 years of sportscasting to their credit between them.

Desmond has been describing both football and baseball games since his entry into the radio industry back in 1931. A native of Toledo, Connie did the mike jobs on American Association and Big Ten Football games until he was brought to New York to do the major league games, in 1942. The following year was the first time that Connie was paired with Red to do the games on WHN, New York. It was what is known in the trade as a "Happy Marriage," a combination of talents which assured good sports listening from opening minute to the final play.

Walter (Red) Barber, above, looks like he's dressed for a visit to the North Pole. However, it's only the famed redhead's working clothes for his Sunday afternoon Radio assignments broadcasting the New York Football Giants' National League's championship games at the Polo Grounds to his tremendous air-wave fan following. Barber is one of the nation's top Radio sports broadcasters. He has long handled the Football Giants' games for Station WHN.

Wherever the Giants play, WHN is there. This will be the seventh consecutive year that WHN has brought its listeners along the Eastern seacoast, the exclusive play-by-play description of each N. Y. Giants' game. Up until three years ago when Red and Connie accepted the air assignment, Bert Lee and Dick Fishell did the broadcasts. Bert Lee, with the assistance of Ward Wilson, now conducts the very popular WHN football program, "Take A Tip From Me," immediately before each game. After the game, the pair go on the air with "Sports Extra."

Bert Lee and Ward Wilson are also teamed each season to broadcast the New York Rangers' hockey games from Madison Square Garden. Sportsman Lee also conducts such programs as "Today's Baseball," "Warm-Up Time" and "Sports Final" throughout the year.

This quartet of sportscasters—Barber, Desmond, Lee and Wilson—combine to make Sunday afternoons one of the most enjoyable for radio sports fans.

1945 College Leaders

THIS college football season decidedly should be the best since 1941. Returning servicemen will make the championship outlook a national guessing contest. In practically every section competition figures to be more evenly balanced than any time since Pearl Harbor. Coaches, freed of war requirements, will have bigger and more permanent squads. With improved competition and rivalry, attendance this autumn likely will zoom toward record figures.

The mighty West Point juggernaut will duplicate its 1944 accomplishments and win the mythical national championship, according to a survey made of predictions offered by leading coaches and other gridiron judges. Annapolis, with a plethora of grand backs, the T-formation and something of a line problem, is picked to be runner-up to the Cadets.

Pennsylvania is given the edge in the Ivy League. Cornell will be particularly interesting with Ed McKeever at the helm. Howie Idell has assembled a strong squad at Yale that will go places. Dartmouth rates well up. So do Syracuse and Colgate.

Coach Fritz Crisler at Michigan should have the strongest squad in the Mid-West's Big Nine. It will have size, speed and smartness. Bernie Bierman is back at Minnesota. That means the Gopher will again be a consistent title contender. Ohio State will be up in front, barring injuries. Likewise Indiana and Illinois. The Mid-West may well have one of its very successful prewar seasons this autumn.

At Notre Dame, Hugh DeVore, following Ed McKeever, has the foundation for another typically good Irish eleven. Notre Dame will have superb passing, much speed and a rugged defense. It is still unknown when Frank Leahy will return to his South Bend coaching post, for which he reportedly holds a long-time contract.

The situation down South fairly sizzles with keen expectancy. The hottest competition in the land this year very likely will be seen on the other side of the Mason-Dixon line. There are numerous southern teams apparently closely matched. The experts view the ranking thusly: Duke, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Tulane, Georgia Tech, L. S. U., Virginia and a few real dark horses.

Carl Snavely shifted from Cornell back to North Carolina. Wallace Wade returned to Duke. As athletic director the veteran will have the valuable coaching service of Eddie Cameron. Alabama still has the Nation's No. 1 college passer in Harry Gilmer.

Texas University is favored in the Lone Star State, where each year football rivalry and enthusiasm is on a par with any other section. According to reports, the Texans intend again to go in big for aerial football with more T-formation tossed in for good measure. The southwest will deserve close watching this autumn.

Southern California is out in front of Pacific Coast ranking. That has become almost an annual custom. The Trojan horse already is mentioned as a logical Rose Bowl entry.

New York gridiron fans will snap back from wartime conditions with renewed enthusiasm. West Point will headline the expanded list of attractions with three appearances in the big town against Duke, Michigan and the annual classic with the traditional foe from Notre Dame.

Columbia has arranged an interesting home schedule. As usual, coach Lou Little is handicapped with limited material. With enough of the right personnel the wily veteran would quickly elevate Columbia to the Gridiron's higher levels.

WEST POINT'S BIG GUN

Felix (Doc) Blanchard, the Cadets' 210-pound, six-foot fullback, who already is one of the gridirons' all-time backfield greats.

GIANTS' RECORDS WITH OTHER NATIONAL CLUBS

GIANTS vs. BOSTON YANKS

Giants Won 2 — Lost 0

1944—Giants 22, Boston 10
Giants 31, Boston 0

Giants' Points, 53 — Boston's Points, 10

GIANTS vs. BROOKLYN

Giants Won 24 — Lost 5 — Tied 3

1926—Giants 17, Brooklyn 0
Giants 27, Brooklyn 0
1930—Brooklyn 7, Giants 6
Giants 13, Brooklyn 0
1931—Giants 27, Brooklyn 0
Giants 19, Brooklyn 6
1932—Giants 20, Brooklyn 12
Giants 13, Brooklyn 7
1933—Giants 21, Brooklyn 7
Giants 10, Brooklyn 10
1934—Giants 14, Brooklyn 0
Giants 27, Brooklyn 0
1935—Giants 10, Brooklyn 7
Giants 21, Brooklyn 0
1936—Giants 10, Brooklyn 10
Giants 14, Brooklyn 0
1937—Giants 21, Brooklyn 0
Giants 13, Brooklyn 13
1938—Giants 28, Brooklyn 14
Giants 7, Brooklyn 7
1939—Giants 7, Brooklyn 6
Giants 28, Brooklyn 7
1940—Giants 10, Brooklyn 7
Brooklyn 14, Giants 6
1941—Brooklyn 16, Giants 13
Brooklyn 21, Giants 7
1942—Brooklyn 17, Giants 7
Giants 10, Brooklyn 0
1943—Giants 20, Brooklyn 0
Giants 24, Brooklyn 7
1944—Giants 21, Brooklyn 7
Giants 7, Brooklyn 0

Giants' Points, 459 — Brooklyn's Points, 177

GIANTS vs. CHICAGO BEARS

Giants Won 10 — Lost 18 — Tied 1

1925—Bears 19, Giants 7
Giants 9, Bears 0
1926—Bears 7, Giants 0
1927—Giants 13, Bears 7
1928—Bears 13, Giants 0
1929—Giants 26, Bears 14
Giants 34, Bears 0
1930—Giants 12, Bears 0
Bears 12, Giants 0
1931—Bears 6, Giants 0
Bears 12, Giants 6
Giants 25, Bears 6
1932—Bears 28, Giants 8
Bears 6, Giants 0
1933—Bears 14, Giants 10
Giants 3, Bears 0
*Bears 23, Giants 21
1934—Bears 27, Giants 7
*Giants 30, Bears 13
Bears 10, Giants 9
1935—Bears 20, Giants 3
Giants 3, Bears 0
1936—Bears 25, Giants 7
1937—Giants 3, Bears 3
1939—Giants 16, Bears 13
1940—Bears 37, Giants 21
1941—*Bears 37, Giants 9
1942—Bears 26, Giants 7
1943—Bears 56, Giants 7

*Play-off Games for National League Championship

Giants' Points, 296 — Bears' Points, 434

GIANTS vs. CHICAGO CARDS

Giants Won 10 — Lost 2

1926—Giants 20, Cardinals 0
1927—Giants 28, Cardinals 7
1929—Giants 24, Cardinals 21
1930—Giants 25, Cardinals 12
Giants 13, Cardinals 7
1935—Cardinals 14, Giants 13
1936—Giants 14, Cardinals 6
1938—Giants 6, Cardinals 0
1939—Giants 17, Cardinals 7
1941—Cardinals 10, Giants 7
1942—Giants 21, Cardinals 7
1943—Giants 24, Cardinals 13

Giants' Points, 217 — Cardinals' Points, 114

GIANTS vs. CLEVELAND RAMS

Giants Won 2 — Lost 1

1938—Giants 28, Cleveland 0
1940—Cleveland 13, Giants 0
1941—Giants 49, Cleveland 14

Giants' Points, 77 — Cleveland's Points, 27

FINAL 1944 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
New York	8	1	1	.889	206	75
Philadelphia	7	1	2	.875	267	131
Washington	6	3	1	.667	169	180
Boston	2	8	0	.200	82	233
Brooklyn	0	10	0	.000	69	166

Western Division

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	238	141
Detroit	6	3	1	.667	216	151
Chicago Bears	6	3	1	.667	258	172
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	188	223
Carpitts	0	10	0	.000	108	329

Championship Playoff
(Dec. 17 at New York)
Green Bay 14, New York 7

GIANTS' 1944 GAME RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Giants Won 8—Lost 1—Tied 1)

Date	New York	Opponent	Opp. Points	Attendance
Oct. 8	22	at Boston	10	17,404
Oct. 15	14	at Brooklyn	7	21,346
Oct. 22	23	Carpitt	0	40,734
Oct. 29	17	Philadelphia	24	42,639
Nov. 5	31	Boston	0	28,364
Nov. 12	21	at Philadelphia	21	33,248
Nov. 19	24	Green Bay	0	56,481
Nov. 26	7	Brooklyn	0	29,387
Dec. 3	16	Washington	13	47,457
Dec. 10	31	at Washington	0	35,540
	206		75	352,600

Championship Playoff Game
(At New York, Dec. 17, Attendance 46,016)
Green Bay 14, Giants 7

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1945 Schedule
National Football League

Sept. 23

Detroit at Chicago Cardinals.

Sept. 25

(Night) Pitts. at the Yanks.

Sept. 30

Chicago Bears at Green Bay.
Chicago Cards at Cleveland.

Oct. 7

Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee.
Chicago Bears at Cleveland.
Chicago Cards at Philadelphia.
Washington at The Yanks.
New York at Pittsburgh.

Oct. 14

Chicago Cards at Chi. Bears.
Cleveland at Green Bay.
Philadelphia at Detroit.
New York vs. The Yanks. at N. Y. Yankee Stadium
Washington at Pittsburgh.

Oct. 21

Cleveland at Chicago Bears.
The Yanks vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee.
Chicago Cardinals at Detroit.
Pittsburgh at **New York.**
Philadelphia at Washington.

Oct. 28

Chicago Cards at Green Bay.
Chicago Bears at Detroit.
Washington at **New York.**
Cleveland at Philadelphia.
The Yanks at Pittsburgh.

Nov. 4

Green Bay at Chicago Bears.
Cleveland at **New York.**
Detroit at The Yanks.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.
Chicago Cards at Washington.

Nov. 11

Detroit at Chicago Bears.
Green Bay at Cleveland.
New York at Philadelphia.
Chicago Cards at Pittsburgh.
The Yanks at Washington.

Nov. 18

Cleveland at Chicago Cards.
Detroit at **New York.**
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.
Green Bay at The Yanks.
Chicago Bears at Washington.

Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving)

Cleveland at Detroit.

Nov. 25

Pittsburgh at Chicago Bears.
Green Bay at **New York.**
Washington at Philadelphia.

Dec. 2

Chicago Bears at Chi. Cards.
Boston at Cleveland.
Green Bay at Detroit.
Philadelphia at **New York.**
Pittsburgh at Washington.

Dec. 9

Boston at Philadelphia.
New York at Washington.

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